

Town of Fairhaven
Board of Public Works Meeting
December 13,2021

Present: Brian Wotton, Vinny Furtado, Robert Hobson, Marcus Ferro, Cameron Durant, Steve Riley, Gabby Almeida, Kim Nogueira and Seth Arruda.

Wotton started the meeting at 6:16 and opened meeting with first item on the agenda.

Approval of minutes

- A. Motion to approve November 29,2021 made by Hobson. Seconded made by Durant. All in favor, Riley, Durant, Hobson, Ferro and Wotton. (5-0-0)

Appointments

Seth Arruda promotion to Sewer System Maintenance Craftsman.

Vinny - Seth Arruda was hired as a maintenance man and recently started getting his license 2. We have the money in the budget. Rene and I would like to promote Seth Arruda to a Maintenance Craftsman.

Wotton – It's good to take it upon yourself to get licenses because when positions open they will only take qualified applicants.

Motion to accept promotion of Seth Arruda to Maintenance Craftsman made by Ferro. Seconded made by Durant. All in favor, Riley, Durant, Hobson, Ferro and Wotton. (5-0-0)

A. Hart Engineering Payment # 7- 163,352.50

Vinny - Work has been conducted since payment 6. Work on biological system, filters, electrical and plumbing. Change order may be needed for additional time for next meeting.

Motion to accept payment made by Durant. Second made by Riley. All in favor, Riley, Hobson, Durant, Ferro and Wotton. (5-0-0)

Old Business/ New Business

Vinny - He would like to state that Charlene Paulson retired December 3rd and we are going to miss her. We wish her health and happiness.

Hobson - Are all the barriers on Sconticut Neck Road and bike path have been taken away and if it is because of snow plowing?

Durant confirmed it was because of snow plowing.

Hobson - Asked if Al Crane was resolved.

Vinny - Stated he was not sure. We want to move the drains to Pease Park with help of Capital Committee planning or Covid relief money. We have requested the storm drains in the Capital plan.

Hobson - Stated as long as we are working on it and something is going to be done.

Hobson- Asked about the status of Union Warf?

Vinny - Stated the temporary resolution was settled on at the meeting, until town or property owner gets storm sceptor or drains separated they are going to allow a filter until the money is obtained.

Vinny- 45,000 is the best we can do.

Durant - Asked for update on the shared streets project and safe route to school.

Vinny- There is a 2-million-dollar federal funding which came from a grant request. It has expanded to the north end of the Stop and Shop parking lot, all the way down to the south end of Wood School. Both sides of the street there will be sidewalks and bike lanes. The states engineering contractor is supposed to get us a plan up to 25% plan designed stage. Once we get the design plan we need to contact all abutters. Explain project because its federal money, permit easements, moving utility poles, appraiser of all property owners, so they can be compensated. All will be triggered once we get the 25% designed plan. That total is going to be added and have to be asked about for annual town meeting. Projects for shared streets being targeted are improving ADA appliance near Alden Road, Howland Road, and Marguerite Street. ADA compliance on bike path near Main street. All of that work will not be done till next year.

Durant - Asked about shared streets and ADA compliance.

Vinny - They met this morning with the Engineer and he will be overseeing the work.

Riley - Sconticut Neck project for the 8 houses going in near Riccardis down Sconticut Neck, it doesn't make sense he is doing that work then next year it will be ripped up again.

Wotton - Maybewe can get the work done around the same time. What can we do to assist with the pickle ball court?

Vinny - CPC were going for sidewalk projects to library, approved 185k but only approve half. Went in front of them to get the rest of the money. Pickle ball committee want to request 6 courts to go south of tennis courts. Nothing was decided on. The BMX bike track which sits at MacComber Park which they wanted to pave it. Got permission to use towns engineering money and got 2,000. Reached out to Mike Carter to see had any interest or experience. We need a design for the BMX.

Durant – There are playgrounds that need to be updated to.

Vinny - There is going to be a special meeting in Feburary.

Hobson - He would like to take over the tree department again.

Vinny – The budgets are due to town hall next Monday.

Durant – Do we have any concern for Broad Band and Water, Sewer upgrade with competing for the same money. He has concern about it.

Hobson - How many water meters are done?

Vinny – We will be able to read the information from the meters in the office.

Hobson – Can we get a Verizon antenna up since Sconitcut Neck and West Island have horrible service.

Board Members

Durant- He sent an email to Strauss with update to use landfill for recycling center, money for sewer project and route 6 corridors and Fort Phoenix Maintenance. Hopefully next meeting we will have something to discuss.

Date for Next Meeting

X. Adjourn

Wotton stated December 27th 2021 at 6:15 the next meeting will be held.

Motion to adjourn at 6:53 motion made by Durant. Second by Ferro. All in favor, Riley, Durant, Hobson, Ferro and Wotton. (5-0-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

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Minutes approved on December 27, 2021